AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 7 of page 1 to read as follows:

The present invention concerns an improved condom. More particularly, the invention concerns an improved male or female condom that ~~have~~ has an improved shape, surface texturing and a system for anchoring/retaining the condom.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 9 of page 2 to read as follows:

The present invention concerns an improved condom (male or female). A body of the condom includes a wall that has an interior and exterior surface. The body also has an open end and a closed end. This application claims priority from U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/428,557, filed November 11, 2002, which is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 3 of page 3 to read as follows:

An insert(s) may be positioned in and be operable to engage the interior surface of the body to provide support for each protrusion. The insert(s) may be constructed of any rigid or semi-rigid material, (e.g., a plastic, foam or sponge) may be any size and arranged in a variety of shapes (e.g., oval, triangular, squared, etc.).

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 5 to read as follows:

Referring now to Figs. 2A and 2B, there are shown two alternative embodiments of an improved condom 300, 400 that include a sheath-like body 12 having a wall 14 with an interior 16 and exterior 18 surface, a closed end 20 and an open end 22. The textured portion 23 includes protrusions 28 that are formed in the wall 14 or other otherwise extend from the wall 14. Each

protrusion 28 has a generally triangular shape that includes a long sloped surface 30 and a short sloped surface 32 that are joined at an apex 34. The inside angle of the apex 34 between the two sloped surfaces is an acute angle "A" between 0 and 90 degrees. A second acute angle "B" between 0 and 90 degrees is formed at the intersection between the short-sloped surface 34 and the exterior surface 18 of the body 12. The protrusions 28 are spaced along the exterior surface 18 ~~or, alternatively, may extend~~. The protrusions 28 may be of any width on the circumference of the pouch and sloped in any direction, but are preferably sloped against the direction of insertion (i.e., toward the open end 22 of the body 12). The protrusion 28 may also extend circumferentially around the entire body 12.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 16 of page 8 as follows:

Referring now to Figs. 4A-D, there are shown [[a]] further embodiments of a female condom 700 and a condom retention device 40. The condom 700 includes a sheath-like body 12 having a wall 14 with an interior 16 and exterior 18 surface, a closed end 20 and an open end 22. A retention device 40 is positioned within the interior of the body 12 proximate the closed end 20 and may by held in position by indentation 41. Alternatively, the exterior surface of the retention device 40 (or a portion thereof) may include an adhesive that mounts the retention device 40 to the interior 16 of the condom 700.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on line 1 of page 9 to read as follows:

Still referring to Figs. 4A-D, and as best shown in Fig. 4C, the retention device 40 may be a sphere or other shape of material (e.g., a disk, oval, square, rectangle, etc.) that is operable to expand following the insertion of the condom 700. More specifically, the device 40 is a

dehydrated (or merely compressed) spherical sponge (or other expandable material) that has been compressed such that it has an initial diameter (or shape) equal to or smaller than an interior diameter of the condom 700. Alternatively, the device is sponge that is encapsulated by a film that quickly ~~disintegrate~~ disintegrates when exposed to a liquid (e.g., silicone lubrication as currently used in male and female condoms) and/or temperatures (i.e., in vivo body temperatures of approximately 98 degrees). As the film disintegrates, the sponge expands to a diameter or width that is greater that the interior diameter of the condom 700. For example the sponge may be constructed to expand to between 2 and 10 times (or more) the compressed size. As best shown in Fig. 4D, the device 40 may be dimensioned to have a concave surface 42 that functions as a finger guide.